

REMARKS

Original claims 1-23 have been cancelled and new claims 24-50 presented above are directed specifically to the invention of elected Group II. The cancellation of claims 1-23 is without prejudice to applicants' right to prosecute the subject matter thereof in one or more divisional or continuing applications. Support for the limitations of new claims 24-50 is found throughout the specification, and in the original claims as filed. Entry of these claims is therefore believed to be in order and entry of the same is respectfully requested.

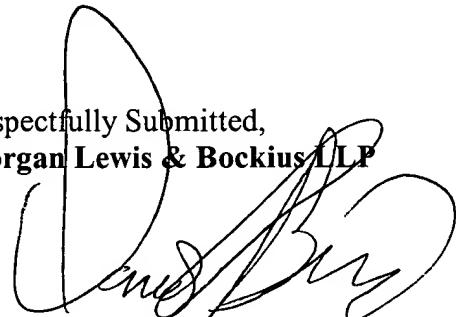
Elected claims 21 and 22 were objected to as being in improper multiple dependent form. This objection has been obviated by the cancellation of claims 21 and 22, and new claims 24-50 are believed to be in proper form in all respects.

The Examiner's attention is drawn to the Second and Third Information Disclosure Statements being filed herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the content of these Information Disclosure Statements at the time the above claims are examined on the merits.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-23 have been cancelled.

New Claims 24-50 have been added.